



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**District 1**

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## Construction Site Theft Prevention

Nationally, the theft of construction equipment has become an increasing problem. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the thefts have totaled as much as one billion dollars. In 90% of those thefts, the items were taken right off the job site. The losses incurred go beyond the replacement cost after a theft; there are short-term rental costs to replace the equipment, project delays, and time lost due to paperwork for police and insurance companies. The impact is transferred to the project, costing the consumer more money and the company an increase in insurance premiums. The most common times for construction theft are nights and weekends. In order to protect a job site or construction project, here are a few tips:

- When starting a new subdivision or remodeling project, ask the police department to increase their patrols in the area.
- Fence the jobsite. Fencing may not prevent an entry but it will slow criminals down.
- Limit the number of access points into the job site. The most secure site would be one with a single entry.
- Light up the construction site during the evening. Use motion sensors and time-of-day lights around buildings for added security. A bright construction site will help patrol officers

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## Message from Deputy Chief Sean Duggan

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor to be promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. As a result, I have been relocated to our new Headquarters building. I am now responsible for overseeing our Uniformed Services Bureau, which includes all patrol functions within the city. While I look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead, I am saddened to leave District 1. Over the past eight months, we have worked diligently to develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation. I am especially grateful for the support we received from the District 1 community and for your willingness to work together towards achieving our goals.

I am committed to ensuring the relationship between the police and the District 1 community continues to strengthen. My successor will be selected in the very near future and will continue our community outreach and crime prevention efforts.

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## Traffic Safety Zone

District 1 personnel will provide increased traffic enforcement in the area of Scottsdale Road and Oak Street. Please drive carefully.

### **Construction Theft Prevention (continued)**

and neighbors see into the area.

- Consider installing security cameras. Some security cameras are activated by motion and can be monitored from a home computer.
- Use signs to restrict access and aid in the prosecution of crimes like trespassing.
- Install audible alarms on secured equipment storage boxes and buildings. Have the activated alarm call the police department and/or your cell phone depending on the system and city ordinances.
- Use cables, locks and tire boots to secure trailer hitches, storage boxes and heavy equipment. Some cables are even alarm-activated in the event of a cable cut.
- Use equipment with GPS tracking capabilities. This can help with tracking down stolen equipment as well as the location of items within a company for inventory.
- At the end of the day, put heavy equipment into a circle heel-to-toe with smaller equipment such as compressors and storage boxes on the inside. With lighting, this is a more secure way to leave equipment for the evening. Add a security guard to monitor this area to add to the overall security.
- Record all equipment models, serial numbers, and any identifying marks on construction property. Paint equipment with bright colors for ease of identification.

If you have any questions about securing a job site or would like a security assessment completed, contact me Officer Kory Sneed, at [ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov) or (480) 312-0275.

### **SOUTHWEST GAS WARNS OF CONS IMPERSONATING EMPLOYEES**

Southwest Gas has put out warnings urging citizens to be aware of men posing as Southwest Gas employees. These con men are using fake SW Gas I.D. badges and claim to check the water heater or read the meter. After entering the residence, they burglarize the residence. In all the Phoenix cases, the con men did not have on a SW Gas uniform or drive a company vehicle. Please remember to verify the company employee and look for the uniform, company car, etc. Usually, legitimate employees will not enter your home. Ask them to wait in their car while you call and verify their employment.

### **High Temperatures Bring Dangerous Times**

As our state experiences many consecutive days of over 100 degree temperature, we need to keep ourselves and others safe from the extreme heat. Over the next few months, please keep these things in mind:

- Drink plenty of water; Mild dehydration will slow down one's metabolism by as much as 3%.
- Never leave children or animals in a parked vehicle. Temperatures can reach in excess of 140 degrees.
- If working in a closed environment, keep air circulating.
- When working outside, wear protective clothing, take frequent breaks, use sunscreen

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **M & I Bank Summer Spectacular Artwalk**

July 6th, 2006 from 6:00 p.m.  
to 9:00 p.m.

Downtown Scottsdale, Main Street &  
Marshall Way

For more information call 480-990-3939

### **The Scottsdale Police Department**



### **Wants You!**

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).